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Announcements

Note: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased through any booksellers, agents or direct from H.M. Stationery Office. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 21) Order

The Board of Trade announce that the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 21) Order (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 909, price 4d.), which covers the six months 1st August 1943 to 31st January 1944 is now on sale. The Home Trade Register will not be revised during this restriction period so that all persons whose names were on the Register from 1st March 1943 are again to be considered as registered persons for the purposes of analysing sales in the Standard Period, which will be as before, the year ended 31st May 1940.

This Order contains a definition of the classes of persons to be regarded as manufacturers and also provides that where persons manufacture goods on commission, *i.e.*, from materials belonging to another trader, the value of controlled goods produced from such materials does not count against their quota but against that of the trader owning the materials. Further, whereas in the past individual directions have been sent to persons who have been deregistered during the restriction period requiring them to inform their suppliers of the fact before placing further orders with them, they are now specifically obliged to do this by the Order itself.

The chief provisions for each class are as follows:—

Class 9b. Lighting Fittings. The quota remains at 5 per cent. The prohibition on the supply by manufacturers of certain decorated and metal types is maintained, and the supply of oil lamps is still unrestricted.

Class 9c. Cutlery, Spoons and Forks. The quota for this Class has been raised from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent., not more than one-half of which may be supplied before 1st November 1943. Supplies to registered persons remain subject to quota. The following articles may be supplied in excess of quota by registered persons:

(*a*) Razors and safety razor blades and holders.

(Manufacturers may not supply to unregistered persons a greater proportion of their sales of blades to both registered and unregistered persons than in the Standard Period.)

(*b*) Tin openers, toasting forks, spoons and forks designed specially for use in the preparation of food or drink, and Lancashire type and similar peelers, being goods comprising more than 10 per cent. metal by weight, the manufacture of which is controlled under the Hollow-ware and Kitchen Hardware (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1942.

Wooden spoons and forks are now entirely exempt from control.

Class 12. Photographic Goods. The quota remains unchanged at 10 per cent.

Class 13. Toys and Indoor Games. The quota remains at 7½ per cent. and the value of supplies of the cheaper types of toys and certain children's indoor games (not exceeding 5s. ex-manufacturer) may be halved for quota purposes. Controlled goods of this Class may be supplied outside quota against official Buying Certificates on Form T.G.1, issued by the Board of Trade and endorsed by a Government Department: these Certificates replace those hitherto issued under the General Licence (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September 1942, page 430), (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1810), which will not be valid after 31st August.

Supplies of children's toy apparel (other than dolls' clothes) are not restricted by this Order, but after 31st July 1943 the manufacture and supply by manufacturers is prohibited under the Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 4) Order, 1943 (see below).

It should be noted that the heading "Toys" has now been amplified to make the scope of this Class plainer. Traders are advised to reconsider the position of articles which have hitherto been regarded as uncontrolled, and in cases of doubt they are recommended to consult the Board of Trade.

Minor accessories for billiards and snooker are now exempt from control.

Class 15. Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Ware, Jewellery and Artificial Jewellery. The provisions relating to Class 15 goods have been simplified and a single quota of 12½ per cent. now covers supplies both to registered and unregistered persons instead of separate quotas for each. In computing their value of controlled goods supplied during the period of restriction manufacturers need not take into account goods of their own manufacture as, after 31st July, they are required to obtain licences for all goods of this class under the Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 4) Order. Traders should note that the Board do not regard plain rolled gold collar studs and cuff links as controlled, nor any other studs and cuff links which do not contain any jewels, imitation jewels or precious metal.

Registered wholesalers may continue to supply standard wedding rings without restriction.

General Licences

(*a*) The General Licence providing for ex quota supplies of knives, forks and spoons for factory canteens has now been re-issued in an amended form (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 965, price 1d.) to cover the requirements of canteens on all premises subject to inspection under the Factories Act, 1937.

The following General Licences remain in force during the next restriction period without alteration:—

(*b*) S. R. & O. 1943, No. 130 as amended by S. R. & O. 1943 No. 417 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th March 1943, page 118), which allows ex quota supplies of goods of Class 9b, 9c and 12 to certain privileged consumers;

(*c*) S. R. & O. 1943 No. 271 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th March 1943, page 89), permitting registered persons to supply freely scissors for use in the workrooms of industrial undertakings or for civil defence purposes; and

(*d*) S. R. & O. 1943 No. 420 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th March 1943, page 118), which allows manufacturers to supply goods of Class 9c to exporters, free of quota restrictions.

Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) Order

The Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 4) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 966, price 1d.) amends the provisions of the existing Order relating to toys and jewellery (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th February 1943, page 53).

After 30th September 1943 the supply of toys containing more than 10 per cent. by weight of metal by any trader is prohibited; it will be remembered that the manufacture of such toys has been prohibited since 1st August 1942. Children's toy apparel (other than dolls' clothes) is now added to the list of prohibited goods.

The attention of all traders is drawn to the new definition of "toys," which corresponds to that now inserted in the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 21) Order. Traders are advised to reconsider the position of articles which have not hitherto been regarded as controlled under the Miscellaneous

Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) Order, and in cases of doubt they are recommended to consult the Board of Trade.

As regards jewellery, the list of permitted goods which, under the existing Order can be manufactured freely, is now deleted, and after 31st July the manufacture of all goldsmiths' or silversmiths' ware (except barometers, clocks and watches) and of all jewellery and artificial jewellery becomes subject to licence, for which application should be made to the Board of Trade. Traders should note that the Board do not regard plain rolled gold collar studs and cuff links as controlled, nor any other studs and cuff links which do not contain any jewels, imitation jewels or precious metal.

A definition of "standard" wedding rings is given in the Order to explain that term wherever it may appear in a manufacturer's licence.

Containers and Straps Order

The Board of Trade announce that the Containers and Straps Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 967, price 3d.) continues the control of the Containers and Straps (Leather and Textile) Order, 1943 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th March 1943, page 106) for a further six months, i.e., from 1st August 1943 to 31st January 1944: the Standard Period will be as before, the year ended 31st May 1940. Registered persons may supply 5 per cent. of that year's supplies during the next six months and the value of their supplies of permitted types of travel goods may be halved for quota purposes. As before, licences for an additional 5 per cent. will be issued to firms participating in approved reconcentration schemes. Straps may still be supplied freely against a written declaration that they are required as component parts of new goods, or for attachment to imported watches, and textile belts supplied with garments are unrestricted. The Order contains a definition of the classes of persons to be regarded as manufacturers and also provides that where persons manufacture goods on commission, i.e., from materials belonging to another trader, the value of the controlled goods produced from such materials does not count against their quota but against that of the trader owning the materials. The new Order covers travel goods, bags and other containers suitable for personal or domestic use of *whatever material they are made* (except travel goods of metal or wicker and paper carrier bags), and straps, belts, etc., made wholly or *partly* of leather or textile material. It should also be noted that controlled goods now include materials shaped for making up into such goods.

The prohibitions on manufacture remain substantially as at present, with the following modifications:—

(*a*) After 31st August manufacturers may not make up controlled goods from retail customers' material nor supply any goods so manufactured except under licence.

(*b*) The manufacture and supply of Sam Browne belts is now prohibited except under licence.

(*c*) Shoulder bags, and sponge bags not containing any leather, hide or skin are permitted under quota.

(*d*) Babies' safety harness is now exempt from control.

Control of Talc and Pyrophyllite

The Control of Talc and Prophyllite (No. 1) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 960, price 1d.) makes it necessary, except for quantities not exceeding 7 lbs., to obtain licences for the disposal and acquisition of talc or french chalk, steatite, soapstone and pyrophyllite. Enquiries should be addressed to the Chrome Ore, Magnesite and Wolfram Control, Broadway Court, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W.1 (Telephone No. Abbey 2734).

Sports Gear

The present Sports Gear (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1942, will be replaced by the Sports Gear (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 2) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 908, price 1d.), which takes effect on 1st August. The general lines of the existing control remain as before, but the following modifications should be noted:—

(1) In future the official Buying Certificate will be on a standard form P.S.1, which will be issued by the Board of Trade and endorsed by the Government Departments and approved Associations who are entitled to purchase equipment for priority sports. Certificates issued for the purposes of the existing Order will be valid only until 31st August 1943.

(2) A Register of licensed manufacturers of priority sports equipment is to be kept by the Board of Trade. Registered manufacturers may supply goods of their own manufacture to other registered persons without receiving a Buying Certificate, but may not supply priority sports equipment, whether of their own manufacture or not, to any unregistered person except against a Buying Certificate.

(3) Persons whose business comprises manufacturing, and wholesale or retail departments and who keep separate records for each, may, provided the Board of Trade consent, treat their manufacturing department as a wholly separate business for the purposes of this Order.

(4) The definition of controlled goods has been amended to exclude certain articles of fishing tackle and goal posts and corner posts for priority sports.

Prohibition of the Supply of Certain Toilet Preparations

The date at the end of the announcement under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th July 1943 (page 265) should read "31st December 1943" instead of "29th February 1944."

Headwear Quota

The Headwear (No. 5) Directions, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 952, price 1d.) have now been issued, which amend the Headwear (No. 4) Directions, 1943 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th March 1943, page 89) by raising the headwear quota for the period 1st March to 31st August 1943 from 15 per cent. to 25 per cent. by value of supplies in the year 1941.

Home Flax Production

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Earl De La Warr, who has been closely associated with the development of flax production in this country, has been appointed Director of Home Flax Production in the Ministry of Supply.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th July 1943 (page 266), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1943, price 1d., except where indicated.

No. 955. General Licence, dated 8th July 1943, under the Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1942, and the Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1942.

No. 956. Order, dated 8th July 1943, amending the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1942.

No. 959. Directions, dated 10th July 1943, under the Food Transport Order, 1941. Price 2d.

Trading with the Enemy

TRANSACTIONS WITH FRENCH NORTH AND WEST AFRICA

(1) The Board of Trade have to-day made the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Areas) Revocation (No. 2) Order, 1943 and the Trading with the Enemy (Authorisation) Order, 1943 under the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939, relating to transactions with French North and West Africa (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 821 and 822 respectively, price 1d. each). The effects of these two orders are (1) that commercial and financial dealings with persons and concerns in those territories are no longer an offence of trading with the enemy; and (2) that certain restrictions on dealings with their property in the United Kingdom are removed.

(2) Arrangements are under discussion with the French authorities for disposal of French moneys (including bank balances) and of French African property vested in the Custodians of Enemy Property, and for payment of amounts due from French North and West Africa to persons in the United Kingdom, and a further announcement will be made in due course.

(3) In consequence of the Board of Trade orders referred to above, the necessary arrangements under the Defence (Finance) Regulations have been made by the Treasury in the Regulation of Payments (French North and West Africa) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 867, price 1d.). Algerian, French Moroccan and French West African francs have been added, by notice in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, as the list of specified currencies which must be offered for sale to the Treasury through a bank in the United Kingdom.

(4) While communications on business matters with persons in the French territories referred to need not, in future, be referred to the Trading with the Enemy Department for approval, trade between the United Kingdom and French North and West Africa must in present circumstances continue to be conducted through Government channels, and the resumption of private trade cannot be expected in the near future.

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

Vessels against which Discrimination is being Exercised by the Ministry of Economic Warfare

(a) Shipowners on the Statutory List

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Ollanta	Peru	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leemhuis, Callao
Cala Antio	Spain	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramis Mut.)
Cala Contesa ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falco	Ditto	75	Ditto
Cala Galiota... ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Gat	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent	Ditto	121	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Cala Fornells ...	Ditto	93	Ditto
Cala Bona	Ditto	72	Ditto
Cala Castell	Ditto	123	Ditto
Cala Mitjana ...	Ditto	92	Ditto
Cala Murada ...	Ditto	229	Ditto
Cala Encantada ...	Ditto	173	Ditto
Cala Portals	Ditto	130	Ditto
Cala San Vicens ...	Ditto	159	Ditto
Jose Trujillo... ...	Ditto	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Isidro Labrador	Ditto	235	Ditto
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adejo...	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	316	Ditto
Sebastian	Ditto	3,024	Ditto
Tercio Montejurra ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maria Amalia ...	Ditto	744	Ditto
San Eduardo ...	Ditto	300	Ditto
Ellen (ex Nera Ametza)	Ditto	359	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Linette	Ditto	398	Ditto
Bachi...	Ditto	3,077	Cia Naviera Bachi (Hijos de Astigarraga) (Controlled by Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.)
Bartolo	Ditto	3,124	Ditto
Juan de Astigarraga	Ditto	3,561	Ditto
Kauldi	Ditto	3,157	Ditto
Manuchu	Ditto	3,119	Ditto
Tom	Ditto	3,056	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atista	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Cicloope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Vicente	Spain	534	Cia Naviera Levantina Ltda.
Industrial	Ditto	313	Soc. Anon Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
Delfin	Ditto	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, Las Palmas
Maria Bonmatti ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Anna	Brazil	721	Empresa Nacional de Navegacao Hoepcke (Carlos Hoepcke S.A.)
Carl Hoepcke ...	Ditto	1,249	Ditto
Max	Ditto	247	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Rosa ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Permina Concepcion	Spain	80	Manuel Rodrigues
Carvalho	Portuga	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Transportador (ex Trevo 2°) ...	Ditto	202	A. Transportadora Ltda
Adi Ifni	Spain	732	S. A. Hispana-Africana de Reconocimentos Atlanticos
Hatinda	Panama	452	Gulf Shipping Co.
Maria 3°	Portugal	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Gradiana 4° ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C... ...	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Almadabra Marroqui
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla) ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas.
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Berlin	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural
Atlantides	Sweden	9,650	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto

Clearing Offices

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Turkish, Anglo-Italian and Anglo-Roumanian Clearing Offices will be moved on 26th July 1943, to 29 Lennox Gardens, London, S.W.1. Telephone number Kensington 9425—Telegrams Conasco, Knights, London—nearest stations, Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 17th July 1943 were wheat, 17s. 9d.; barley, 33s. 7d. and oats, 16s. 2d.

August Bank Holiday Travel Restrictions

The Ministry of War Transport announce that travel restrictions will operate from Friday, 30th July, to Tuesday, 3rd August, inclusive.

There will be no more long-distance trains than the maximum number run on a week-day, or on a Sunday as the case may be, in July 1942, nor will there be any extra buses for holiday travel.

When a train is run in parts, each part will count as a separate train. If, for instance, in July 1942, the maximum number of parts run in the case of a particular week-day train was three, the company concerned may run it in two or three parts throughout the restricted period, except Sunday.

Service leave will be adjusted so as to reduce travel to the minimum. Concession fares for Service personnel going on short (48 hour) leave will not be available for rail journeys beyond 20 miles, except in special circumstances.

Free or assisted travel for evacuated Government Staff, transferred Civil Defence personnel, and industrial transferees will be suspended during the restricted period. Reduced fares for relatives visiting evacuees will not be available.

These restrictions have been imposed to ensure that there will be no interference with the movement of essential war supplies, and, in the case of road services, to save imported fuel and rubber.

Factories and works requiring transport services on the Bank Holiday for personnel or traffic should inform the local transport management as early as possible in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Postal Notices

INCREASED TELEGRAPH CHARGES

The Postmaster-General announces that on and from 19th July 1943 the minimum charge for an ordinary inland telegram will be increased from ninepence for nine words or less to one shilling for nine words or less.

The minimum charge for a reply paid ordinary inland telegram will be two shillings.

SUSPENSION OF PARCEL POST TO U.S.S.R.

The Postmaster-General announces that in consequence of transport difficulties the Parcel Post to U.S.S.R. is temporarily suspended.

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned surface mails for the United Kingdom have been lost by enemy action :—

Letters, Printed Papers and Parcels from :—	Approximate dates of Posting
India	9th-19th February in Bombay and correspondingly earlier elsewhere.

Letters and Printed Papers from :—	
Argentine Republic ...	29th March-10th April
Bolivia (part only missing)	19th February-23rd March
Chile (part only missing) ...	21st February-29th March
Falkland Islands	20th-31st March.
Paraguay	17th February-18th March
Uruguay	26th March-13th April

LOSSES AT SEA

The undermentioned mails from the United Kingdom were involved in a mishap at sea (not due to enemy action). Some of the mails were destroyed and some so damaged as to be useless; but others were salvaged and sent forward to destination :—

Surface Mails :—	Districts and approximate dates of posting
Letters for :—	
Belgian Congo, Ethiopia, French Somali Coast, Portuguese East Africa and Saudi Arabia.	All districts : 8th-11th March
Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar.	Manchester area only : 10th-12th March
Letters and Printed Papers for :—	
Aden, British Somaliland, Mauritius, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Seychelles, South Africa and South West Africa.	All districts : 10th-12th March
Printed Papers for :—	
Belgian Congo, Madagascar, Portuguese East Africa and Saudi Arabia.	All districts : 8th-11th March
Kenya, Somalia, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar.	All districts :— 10th–12th March.
Parcels for :—	
Northern and Southern Rhodesia (*via* Cape Town), South Africa and South West Africa.	All districts : 10th-12th March
Air Mails :—	
Letters prepaid at the rate of 1s. 3d. per half ounce for :—	
China (Unoccupied), Iran, Iraq and Somalia.	All districts : 8th-11th March
Bahrein Island, Ceylon, India, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar.	All districts : 10th-12th March

EXTENSION OF AIRGRAPH SERVICE TO ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON

The Postmaster-General announces that, on and from 16th July 1943, airgraph letters will be accepted for addresses in St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The charge for airgraph letters addressed to personnel of the Forces and the Merchant Navy is 3d., and for those addressed to civilians, 8d.

British Standard Specifications

HOUSEHOLD PAINT FOR EXTERIOR USE

The above British Standard, B.S. No. 1124, has just been issued by the British Standard Institution at the request of the Ministry of Works in order to provide paint for the maintenance and protection of private property. Realising that considerable damage with a corresponding financial loss would result from deterioration of property, the Government has considered it wise, in the national interest to make paint available for the purpose of preserving property. A limited amount of the necessary materials is accordingly being released by the Supply Departments concerned for the manufacture of the paint. The paint is only for outside use where there has been deterioration due to exposure and should be applied only to areas where the existing paint film has worn off. The whole of the outside of the building should not be painted unless this is absolutely necessary. The paint will be made in four colours, viz., cream, green, brown and chocolate, and will be sold in 1 pt. and 1 qrt. containers. It has been necessary to use coal-tar naphtha as the solvent and as a result the paint may have a somewhat unpleasant odour. This is an additional reason why it should not be used for inside work.

Copies of the Specification are obtainable from the Offices of the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 2s.

SHRINKAGE ON LAUNDERING OF WOVEN COTTON AND LINEN FABRICS

The British Standards Institution has just issued B.S. 1118—Shrinkage on Laundering of Woven Cotton and Linen Fabrics, dealing with the method of determination for piece goods. This Specification was prepared by the Unification of Testing Methods Committee of the Textile Institute, published as Tentative Standard No. 6 in the Journal of the Textile Institute. It defines the methods to be employed in determining shrinkage in cotton and linen fabrics. Full details are given for preparing the test specimens and for conducting the test.

Copies of the Specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, Publication Department, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 2s. post free.

ASBESTOS—CEMENT, SPIGOT AND SOCKET SOIL WASTE AND VENTILATING PIPES AND FITTINGS

The British Standards Institution has just issued a revision of B.S. 582, Asbestos-Cement Spigot and Socket Soil Waste and Ventilating Pipes and Fittings. The chief points of this revision include a composition clause and clauses dealing with tensile strength and tests for water absorption and acid solubility.

Copies of this publication are available from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, at a cost of 2s. each post free.

HIGH STRENGTH PLYWOOD FOR AIRCRAFT

A new issue of the above specification (6V.3-1943) has just been published by the British Standards Institution.

The revision was undertaken in order to give effect to the results of research work carried out by the Forest Products Research Laboratory to determine the extent to which defects in plywood affected the strength. This showed that they are not so serious as had previously been assumed.

It has accordingly been possible to allow more defects to be present in the plywood than heretofore.

In order to overcome the difficulty of expressing clearly in words what the defects should be, natural size photographs of plywood have been included to indicate the extent to which various defects will be tolerated.

Copies of the new Specification are obtainable from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 1s., 1s. 3d. post free.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

New Zealand

CUSTOMS DECISIONS

Particulars are given below of some further decisions of the New Zealand Customs Department regarding the classification of various articles under the New Zealand Tariff :—

Goods	Classified under Tariff No.	Rate of Duty	
		British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
Antiseptics, viz. :—			
Acriflavine, Brilliant green, Crystal violet, Euflavine, Methylene blue ... ... (*a*) In aqueous solution, or in tablet form. (*b*) In solid (powder or crystal) form when packed in containers nor exceeding 1 oz. (avoir.) net weight.	100	Free	20% ad val.
Sulphanilamide	100	Free	20% ad val.
Articles and Materials suitable for and to be used solely in the fabrication and repair of goods within New Zealand, viz. :—			
Chemicals, etc., used in manufacture, viz. :—			
Naphthenic acid	448	Free	Free
Leather, viz. :—			
Glove leathers of such descriptions as may be approved by the Minister, and under such conditions as he may prescribe	448	Free	Free
Pictures of descriptions approved by the Minister on declaration by a manufacturer that they will be used by him solely in the manufacture of jig-saw puzzles or children's blocks	448	Free	Free
Dyes, manufactured, viz. :—			
Acriflavine, Brilliant green, Crystal violet, Euflavine, Methylene blue—in solid form in containers exceeding 1 oz. (avoir.) net weight	110	Free	10% ad val.
Surgeon's appliances, instruments, materials, viz. :—			
Appliances for wear peculiarly adapted to correct a deformity of the human body, etc., viz. :—			
"Bone plates," nails, screws, pins, and wires for temporary or permanent use in holding fractured bones together, or for temporarily immobilising joints where movement is undesirable	134 (1)	Free	Free

Union of South Africa

INVOICING

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th May 1941 (page 316), the Board of Trade have been informed that the Department of Customs and Excise, Pretoria, is now accepting the date of invoice (i.e., the date goods leave suppliers for despatch to the Union) as the date of exportation, provided the period between invoice date and date of actual shipment does not exceed four months.

Zanzibar

SURCHARGE ON CUSTOMS DUTIES

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Nairobi has reported by telegraph that as from 29th June, the surcharge on cigarettes and manufactured tobacco n.e.e. (Items 10 and 31 in the Zanzibar Customs Tariff) has been increased to 300 per cent. of the Customs duty.

Trade and Industry

Brazil

TRADE WITH URUGUAY

Statistics which have been recently issued reveal the extent to which the foreign trade of Brazil with Uruguay has increased during the past three years. In 1940, exports to Uruguay were valued at 2,903,000 U.S. dollars, a figure which increased in 1941 to 4,440,000 U.S. dollars, while the latter total was more than doubled in 1942, when the value of Brazil's exports to Uruguay rose to the record figure of 9,965,380 U.S. dollars. This large increase has had the effect of making Brazil one of Uruguay's principal suppliers, second only to the United States. Great Britain fills the third place with a total in 1942 of 8,343,000 dollars.

British Guiana

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN MARCH QUARTER

According to the "Commercial Review" published by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Georgetown, South America, imports in the March quarter of 1943 were valued as 5,595,172 dollars as compared with 5,054,608 dollars in the corresponding period of 1942. The values of the chief commodities imported are shown in the following table :—

Commodity	March Quarter	
	1943	1942
	dols.	dols.
Apparel	133,461	66,480
Bags, sugar, rice, etc.	206,162	109,004
Beef	146,419	25,337
Boots and shoes, all kinds	146,773	84,728
Butter	88,865	121,686
Cotton manufacture	1,097,292	389,381
Fish, dry cod and scale	56,705	80,033
Flour	322,387	332,986
Machinery, sugar-making	153,990	62,584
Manures	77,966	133,230
Medicines and drugs	68,344	45,600
Milk, condensed...	77,178	42,950
Oil, petrol	50,999	60,355
„ kerosene	23,338	17,269
„ other kinds	221,034	336,283
Peas, split	93,130	14,180
Pork	97,524	54,385
Artificial silk piece goods	185,620	138,532
Soap, common	164,738	6,328

Principal Exports

The following table gives particulars of the value of the chief exports during the first three months of 1943 and 1942 :—

Commodity	1943	1942
	dols.	dols.
Balata	181,595	104,088
Charcoal	7,899	16,480
Hides	2,042	1,506
Matches	1,336	10,256
Oil, coconut	341	—
Rice	452,531	478,959
Rum, cured proof	23,585	10,794
Rum, over proof	168,161	181,674
Shingles	1,146	1,032
Sugar	1,483,511	2,001,173
Timber, round and hewn	21,435	18,471
Timber, sawn	12,644	22,343
Woods, (firewood, Wallaba) ...	285	7,300

Canada

CROP PRODUCTION IN 1943

The Royal Bank of Canada has recently issued a statement showing the 1942 crop production and the 1943 objective, as under :—

Particulars	1942	1943
Field crops :—	Thous.	acres
Oats	13,782	15,388
Barley	6,973	7,788
Mixed grain	1,681	1,700
Wheat	21,586	17,648
Rye	1,337	924
Flaxseed	1,492	2,492
Hay and clover ...	9,707	10,450
Alfalfa	1,440	1,690
Meat animals, commercial marketings) :—	Thous.	head
Hogs	6,250	8,000
Cattle	1,100	1,197
Calves	780	769
Sheep and lambs ...	802	901
Dairy products :—	Mill.	lbs.
Milk (total)	17,487	18,500
Butter (creamery) ...	283	323
Cheese (factory) ...	202	202
Evaporated milk ...	182	190
Condensed milk ...	24	18
Powdered milk ...	11	16
Eggs and poultry :—	Mill.	doz.
Eggs	274	345
	Mill.	lbs.
Poultry (chickens) ...	235	293
Turkeys	38	43
Fruit and vegetables :—	Thous.	acres
Potatoes	507	560
Canning crops	—	maintained or increased
Truck crops	—	do.
Fruits	—	do.
Other crops :—	Thous.	acres
Field peas	90	90
Field beans	80	61
Sugar beet	63	90
Soya beans	47	90
Tobacco	77	87
Fibre flax	47	75
	Thous.	lbs.
Clover seed (red) ...	2,880	6,500
„ „ (alsike) ...	1,212	3,500
„ „ (sweet) ...	4,959	5,500
Alfalfa seed	5,894	9,000
Vegetable and root seeds	—	mostly sharply increased for 1943
Miscellaneous :—		
Honey	—	Maximum possible
Maple products ...	—	do.
Horses (on farms 1st June)	2,816,080	Maintain present stock

Colombia

RECENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The present situation is characterised by increasing difficulties in foreign trade and a lack of equilibrium in the balance of payments with considerable balances in this country's favour which have constantly raised the reserves of the Banco de la Republica in gold and dollar exchange. The consequent increase in the note circulation has stimulated commercial and stock exchange activities, and has contributed to the intensification of industrial and agricultural production designed for internal consumption. Except in the case of coffee there is a decrease in production in the principal export lines, an increase in the price level and a contraction in national revenue especially from Customs House dues which have hitherto constituted the principal source of national income. Due to the continued decline in imports of manufactured goods, local industrial concerns—particularly the textile group—continue to show satisfactory results, and a sufficient quantity of raw materials appears to have reached this country to enable national factories to carry on, although on the other hand, the building industry is now inactive because of the lack of constructional equipment. The present situation has arisen mainly from the shortage of transport, both land and maritime, and is likely to persist until hostilities end failing any amelioration in the shipping situation and in the difficulties in obtaining transport vehicles and accessories.

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given :—

Madras, 26th June. Crops are generally fair.

Bihar, 5th July. Sugarcane is fair. Field preparations and the sowing of bhadoe are progressing.

Orissa, 5th July. The harvesting of dalua paddy, sugarcane and jute is going on.

United Provinces, 26th June. Crop conditions and prospects are satisfactory.

Central Provinces, 2nd July. The sowing of paddy and cotton is being completed. The sowing of khariff crops is progressing.

Punjab, 5th July. Crops are unchanged.

Bengal, 7th July. The harvesting of paddy and jute has commenced. Crops are favourable.

Bombay, 10th July. Sowing and transplanting are progressing. Crop growth is satisfactory.

JUTE CROP ESTIMATES

Calcutta, 9th July. Further preliminary jute forecasts of the licensed jute acreage in India are as follows (the figures for 1942 are given :—

State	1943	1942
	Acres	Acres
Noakhali	54,315	72,980
Bogra	90,740	114,130
Faridpur	230,350	304,655
Malda	42,260	59,230
Rajshahi	110,980	89,995
Tripura State	12,000*	15,000

Calcutta, 13th July. The following is the concluding list of the first official preliminary forecasts of the licensed jute acreage in India. The figures for 1942 are given :—

	1943	1942
	Acres	Acres
Darjeeling	2,920	3,545
Dinajpur	114,680	125,380
Chittagong	600	600
Mymensingh	532,655	657,805
Tippera	203,360	277,525
Cooch Behar State	23,720*	36,880

* Estimated.

Trade Commissioner for India in London.

Peru

TRADE IN MARCH QUARTER

The following is a comparative summary of the official Peruvian foreign trade returns for the first three months of 1943 and 1942.

Period	Imports	Exports	Trade Balance
	Soles	Soles	Soles
January-March 1943 ...	84,034,304	104,026,743	+ 19,992,439
January-March 1942 ...	83,917,195	126,860,979	+ 42,943,784

Details of imports and exports during January-March 1943 with comparative figures for the like quarter of 1942 given in parenthesis, are as follows :—

IMPORTS

Machinery and vehicles, 10,268,190 soles (14,886,000); metals and manufactures, 9,528,324 (9,014,000); textiles, 20,559,396 (8,555,000); foodstuffs, etc., 9,079,933 (8,485,000); paints, oils, etc., 7,069,309 (7,691,000); chemical and pharmaceutical products, 10,366,393 (7,644,000); paper, stationery, etc., 2,977,533 (5,487,000); electrical material, 2,315,832, (2,843,000); timber and manufactures, 2,443,465 (2,661,000); hardware, 1,318,262 (2,045,000); pottery, glassware, etc., 1,259,511 (1,471,000); arms and explosives, 2,431,313 (1,288,000).

EXPORTS

Sugar, 18,391,829 soles (25,656,000); petrol, 14,320,753 (24,606,000); crude petroleum, 587,911 (819,000); petroleum by-products, 6,997,767 (5,477,000); copper bars, 17,022,441 (19,130,000); gold bars, 5,942,451 (9,128,000); other metallic mineral ores, concentrates, etc., 13,924,672 (5,692,000); ginned cotton, 10,075,357 (9,784,000); flax, 5,323,793 (5,242,000); wool (sheep, alpaca, etc.), 3,525,969 (2,098,000); and bullion and specie, 2,015,269 (7,685,000).

DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE

The trade of Peru during the first quarter of 1943 and 1942 was chiefly distributed as under :—

Country	Imports		Exports	
	1943	1942	1943	1942
	SOLES		SOLES	
United States	46,027,005	53,460,434	48,198,088	61,825,572
Argentine ...	12,189,418	6,263,586	1,290,179	1,019,971
Brazil ...	8,357,173	2,473,549	1,347,602	353,324
British Indies	7,723,009	354,966	—	—
Chile	3,114,923	2,829,838	22,523,061	24,301,116
Great Britain	1,472,816	2,665,807	9,205,193	5,334,319
Canada ...	1,344,960	3,492,610	—	—
Switzerland ...	1,068,461	999,272	—	—
Mexico ...	834,984	209,813	—	—
Uruguay ...	—	—	5,243,078	1,801,740
Australia ...	—	—	3,565,335	—
Canal Zone ...	—	—	2,765,038	872,940
Bolivia ...	—	—	2,560,385	6,354,704
Colombia ...	—	—	2,251,018	2,979,340
New Zealand...	—	—	1,814,452	10,250,286

Statutory Notice

Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 to 1932

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE ACTS

"Licences of Right"

The following Patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on 12th July 1943 :—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject Matter
492080	Flint, F. P., and another	Packing rings for the pistons and/or cylinders of internal combustion engines and the like.
500491	Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd., and another	Method of providing a fluid-tight closure for collapsible tubular containers.
500492	Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd., and another	Expansion, jointing for structures, roadways and the like of concrete or the like.
502614	Algar, S. C.	Railway track.
530865	Faller, L.	Apparatus for handling pulverulent materials.

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M. F. LINDLEY,
Comptroller-General.

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The Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, Vol. CXLVI, No. 11, 1942. Published at the offices of the Institute, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

The present volume contains 1 report and 16 papers presented at the Autumn Meeting held in Sheffield; of these, the report and 10 papers were presented under the auspices of the Joint Research Committee of the Institute and the British Iron and Steel Federation. The discussions and correspondence to which those give rise are also included, together with the authors' replies. In addition discussion on a Sub-Committee Report and on a paper included in the No. I volume for the year will be found in the present book, together with the respective replies.

The foregoing papers, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting and biographical notes on deceased members are included in Section 1 of this Journal. Section 11 is devoted to a survey of the literature on the manufacture and properties of iron and steel, and kindred subjects and consists of a collection of abstracts of articles from the Transactions and Proceedings of scientific societies and from the technical press. This section also contains reviews of recent books and bibliographies of literature dealing with the manufacture and properties of iron and steel. The matter included in this section has

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The circulation of this publication is confined to importers and buyers in all parts of the world. It is printed in English and Spanish which adds further interest and appeal to overseas buyers.

Food Trade Review, Vol. XIII, No. 7, July 1943. Published by Attwood & Co. Ltd., 3 Westgate Road, Beckenham, Kent. By subscription, 10s. per annum post free; in Canada and the United States, 2.25 dollars.

This publication, formerly known as *Food Industries Review* and incorporating *Food Canning, Preserving and Selling*, explains the many New Ministry of Food Orders and outlines forthcoming Orders. Certain recommendations are also made to the Trade.

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